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Regional Library Changes



Fara Zaleski will retire at the end of April after 23 years with the Regional Library. During her tenure as Reader Advisor and Regional Librarian, she saw the book collection format evolve from flexible disk records and cassettes to digital books and downloads. A service contract with Mississippi allowed their patrons access to Alabama's older RC titles. The Braille collection was reduced and supplemented by a contract with Utah. Readership doubled despite great reductions in staff over the years.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our BPH readers throughout my years with the Alabama Public Library Service. From the young ones learning about Print/Braille titles to our 10 Square members learning to download books, all have inspired me by their tenacity to succeed despite the obstacles. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives in some small way," says Ms. Zaleski.



Replacing Fara as Regional Librarian will be **Ruth Evans** who briefly served in BPH last summer. Ruth can be reached at: revans@apls.state.al.us.

One World, Many Stories

What country would you like to visit and what stories do you think are told there? We invite all children ages 5-12 to read with us in this year's Summer Reading Program.

Registration begins now with the program running from June 7th –July 29th. If you would like to join us for this adventure, just contact your reader advisor at 800-392-5671 or 334-213-3906.

All participants will receive a prize!



Bob Tarter (left), a biologist at the Natural History Educational Co. of the Midsouth, introduces a chicken to Ken Herston (middle) and Tim Emmons (right), Reader Advisors for BPH, during the Summer Reading Kickoff on February 23rd at the Alabama Public Library Service.

Wisdom From the BARD

- NLS has many magazines formerly on cassette now available for download as far back as 2008.
- *Reader's Digest* and *Newsweek* are now available for download at: www.aph.org .
- *Choice Magazine Listening* is now available as a quarterly publication. It will be offered on cartridge or as a free computer download. Contact them directly at 888-724-6423 for more information.
- For your listening pleasure, the DBM has 10 speeds faster than normal as well as 5 speeds slower than normal. Try them out and see which works best for you.

Comments from Patrons

“My heart is filled with gratitude and anticipation when I go to the mailbox... Thank you for making my life more enjoyable.”

“There is no way I can adequately express our appreciation for the many [books] you have sent us... [We] are listening to one now.”

“My cassette player has pneumonia. All it does is ‘wheeze’. Any suggestions?”

Missing DB Cartridges

Please be careful when returning your digital books. Be sure that they are in the correct blue case before placing them in the mail. We have over 50 empty cases without cartridges. They were either returned empty or with the wrong book in them.

If you locate a stray cartridge, do not try to place it in a container with another book. Instead, contact your reader advisor for assistance.

***Mike Coleman,
Reader Advisor***



BARD Facts

367 total number of registered patrons
104 patrons approved since Sept '10
10,861 books downloaded
275 magazines downloaded

The “Warehouse Guys” of BPH



Tony Hale



Jeff Finklea



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